

St. Louis Society for the  
Blind and Visually Impaired

# *Visionary Gala*

Saturday, April 18, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.  
Hilton St. Louis Frontenac

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For more than 114 years, the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SLSBVI) has been dedicated to our vibrant mission to enhance independence, empower individuals, and enrich the lives of people who are visually impaired or blind.

Please join us for the **Visionary Gala: Visions of Hope** on Saturday, April 18, 2026, to support the Society. The event will highlight in unique and compelling ways our impact in the lives of our clients and the greater St. Louis community.

Our gala evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and an entertaining program including world-renowned pianist, vocalist, and composer, Joe McBride. Music, silent and live auctions, and more will add to the celebration! The Society's James Butler and Community Light Awards will be presented during the program which also honors the generosity of our donors and volunteers.

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## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship is essential to the gala's success and offers donors the opportunity to reach more than **250 guests** that evening, as well as SLSBVI clients, donors, digital media followers and the broader community throughout the year. Sponsorship levels and benefits are as follows:

### **Premier Annual Sponsorship \$50,000**

- Seating for 20 guests at the Gala
- Visionary Gala website top billing
- Name/Logo in SLSBVI print, website and digital communications and promotions
- Gala Program booklet back cover feature
- Recognition and invitations for 10 guests at Client and Community Outreach events

*Charitable deduction: \$46,800*

### **Platinum Annual Sponsorship \$25,000**

- Seating for 20 guests at the Gala
- Name/Logo in SLSBVI print, website and digital communications and promotions
- Full-page ad in Gala Program
- Recognition and invitations for 8 guests at Client and Community Outreach events

*Charitable deduction: \$21,820*

### **Diamond Annual Sponsorship \$15,000**

- Seating for 20 guests at the Gala
- Name/Logo in SLSBVI print, website and digital communications and promotions
- Full-page ad in Gala Program
- Recognition and invitations for 6 guests at Client and Community Outreach events

*Charitable deduction: \$11,840*

### **Gold Annual Sponsorship \$10,000**

- Seating for 10 guests at the Gala
- Name/Logo in SLSBVI print, website and digital communications and promotions
- Full-page ad in Gala Program
- Recognition and invitations for 4 guests at Client and Community Outreach events

*Charitable deduction: \$8,410*



### **Silver Annual Sponsorship \$6,000**

- Seating for 10 guests at the Gala
- Name/Logo in SLSBVI print, website and digital communications and promotions
- Half-page ad in Gala Program
- Recognition and invitations for 4 guests at Client and Community Outreach events

*Charitable deduction: \$4,410*

### **Bronze Annual Sponsorship \$3,000**

- Seating for 4 guests at the Gala
- Name/Logo in SLSBVI print, website and digital communications and promotions
- Half-page ad in Gala Program
- Recognition and invitations for 2 guests at Client and Community Outreach events

*Charitable deduction: \$2,360*

### **Gala Patron \$1,500**

- Seating for 2 guests at the Gala
- Name/Logo in SLSBVI print, website and digital communications and promotions
- Half-page ad in Gala Program

*Charitable deduction: \$1,190*

**2026 Visionary Gala**

**Tickets: \$275 per person - Tables of Ten: \$2,500**

**To purchase tickets, please contact [development@slsbvi.org](mailto:development@slsbvi.org), call 314-301-7305**



# Empowering Individuals

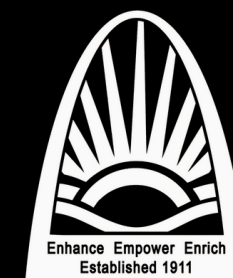
Founded in 1911, the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. We work each day to ensure that our community is a place where vision loss is not a barrier to living a full life.

Serving nearly 1,200 clients annually, each receives a plan of care designed to meet their individual needs through programs and services that include:

- The Drews Low Vision Clinic staffed by Doctors of Optometry and Low Vision Occupational Therapists
- Comprehensive and personalized vision rehabilitative therapies
- Orientation and mobility skills and strategies to navigate in the home and community
- Demonstration and training in a range of assistive technologies, as well as instruction in Braille
- Transportation to medical appointments, social and family commitments, and for other daily needs
- Support groups, community resources and referrals
- Cultural and social activities throughout the year, including peer groups that create opportunities for learning and sharing common interests
- Sight Solutions Shop offering a wide range of vision aids



Visit the Society's offices at 8770 Manchester Road in Brentwood, Missouri, our website [slsbvi.org](http://slsbvi.org), or call (314) 968-9000 to learn more about how we can help you or someone you know who is experiencing vision loss.



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## 2026 Visionary Gala Sponsorship Opportunities

### Sponsorship Commitment:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Premier Sponsorship - \$50,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sponsorship - \$6,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Sponsorship - \$25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Sponsorship - \$3,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Sponsorship - \$15,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> Gala Patron - \$1,500        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsorship - \$10,000     |   |
- ☐ Also, I/we would like to donate an item or experience to the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the Visionary Gala Auction.

Description and Value: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donor Contact (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship listing for donor recognition purposes:

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### Payment Information:

**St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Federal Tax ID #: 43-0666768.**

**Sponsorships can be paid online by clicking the donate button at [slsbvi.org](https://slsbvi.org) or you may return the form with payment or donation information to:**

St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
Attention: Office of Development  
8770 Manchester Road  
Saint Louis, MO 63144  
e-mail: [development@slsbvi.org](mailto:development@slsbvi.org)

- ☐ Please invoice me for payment.
- ☐ Check is enclosed payable to St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- ☐ Charge Sponsorship amount selected above to:

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_